

- (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- (3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;
- (4) charge and collect membership dues;
- (5) make contracts;
- (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;
- (8) sue and be sued; and
- (9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40505	36:794. 36:806.	Aug. 14, 1958, Pub. L. 85-642, §§ 4, 16, 72 Stat. 598, 601.

In this section, the text of 36:806 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the words “apply, and alter” and “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State in which the corporation is to operate” are omitted as [un]necessary.

In clause (2), the word “use” is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (5), the words “make contracts” are substituted for “contract and be contracted with” to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (6) is substituted for “take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise any property real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects of the corporation” and “transfer, lease, or convey real or personal property” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State, (a) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or, (b) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (7), the words “issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property” are substituted for “issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness therefor and secure the same by mortgage or pledge” for consistency in the revised title. The words “for the purposes of the corporation” and “subject to applicable Federal or State laws” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (8), the words “complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 40506. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of—

- (1) expenses of officers of the corporation in amounts approved by the board of directors; or
- (2) appropriate aid to individuals to whom the Medal of Honor has been awarded, their widows, or their children, to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors and officers who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40506(a)	36:802.	Aug. 14, 1958, Pub. L. 85-642, §§ 9(a) (1st sentence words before last comma, last sentence), (b), 10, 12, 72 Stat. 599, 600.
40506(b)	36:800.	
40506(c)	36:799(a) (1st sentence words before last comma, last sentence).	
40506(d)	36:799(b).	

In subsection (a), the words “any shares of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words “support” and “any” are added for consistency in the revised title. The words “directly or indirectly, local or national” are omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (c), before clause (1), the words “inure to the benefit of” are substituted for “inure to” for consistency in the revised title. In clause (1), the words “bona fide” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 40507. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40507	36:795(a).	Aug. 14, 1958, Pub. L. 85-642, § 5(a), 72 Stat. 598.

The word “various” is omitted as unnecessary. The word “States” is added for clarity and consistency in the revised title.

§ 40508. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- (1) correct and complete records of account;
- (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and
- (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may in-